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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in the Supplementary European Search Report dated November 15, 2007, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references. Copies of the Supplementary European Search Report and letter from the European Agent are attached.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted a copy of U.S. patent publication. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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